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Good afternoon, Senator McCrory, Representative Currey, Senator Berthel, Representative McCarty, and members of the Education Committee.

I testify today in support of House Bill 6884. This bill takes important steps toward addressing the educator shortage in Connecticut, showing educators that theirs is a respected profession, and ensuring that our classrooms and schools can provide the best possible education for our students.

While we certainly have it better than teachers in many other areas of this country, it's long past time that the state of Connecticut acts responsibly and makes education a more attractive profession so that we can attract the best and the brightest.

These proposals are a great start towards making Connecticut a true leader in ramping up the caliber of educators in the country.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

